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1. The reply filed on 10/07/2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In accordance with MPEP 714.23, Matter cancelled by amendment can be reinstated only by a subsequent amendment presenting the cancelled matter as a new insertion. A claim (i.e. claims 38-49,54 of the instant application) cancelled by amendment (deleted in its entirety) may be reinstated only by a subsequent amendment presenting the claim as a new claim with a new claim number. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aaron J. Lewis whose telephone number is (703) 308-0716.

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